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TO : []

DATE: 11 October 1950

FROM : Chief, Freight Forwarding Section

SUBJECT: Passenger Manifest on Charter Flight

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1. Reference your memorandum of 10 October 1950 in which you request that we investigate and find out why it was necessary for the pilot to have the true names on the passenger manifest, what was done with them, and whether this will hold true on future flights of a similar nature.

2. We have investigated and find that the passenger manifest is a routine part of any flight. The fact that the Captain was given the true names could only be, in the opinion of this office, because your escort did not have the presence of mind to give the captain the pseudonyms. Since the passengers were going to be cleared in pseudonym we fail to understand why your escort gave their true names at all. Our conception of pseudonym is that while you are operating under same you are supposed to forget your true identity.

3. Since this was a classified mission the airline president requested that the passenger manifest in its entirety be returned to him in a sealed envelope. This was strictly for our protection. It is the intention of the president of the airlines to deliver the passenger manifest to this office on his next visit to Washington which will be sometime in the near future. Until such time as it is received we have been assured that it is in the personal safe of the President to which no one else has access.

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